

LoBIONDO, and Ms. BROWN of Florida: Provided, That Mr. PASCRELL is appointed in lieu of Ms. BROWN of Florida for consideration of sec. 1049 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 538, 539, 573, 651, 717, and 1064 of the Senate bill, and sec. 641 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SMITH of New Jersey, BILIRAKIS, and FILNER.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 863. An act to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2261. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2853 Candler Road in Decatur, Georgia, as the "Earl T. Shinhoster Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2272. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide for debt relief to developing countries who take action to protect critical coral reef habitats; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2336. An act to make permanent the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2454. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5472 Crenshaw Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Congressman Julian C. Dixon Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2876. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located in Harlem, Montana, as the "Francis Bardanoue United States Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3004. An act to combat the financing of terrorism and other financial crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 217. Concurrent resolution recognizing the historic significance of the fiftieth anniversary of the alliance between Australia and the United States under the ANZUS Treaty, paying tribute to the United States-Australia relationship, reaffirming the importance of economic and security cooperation between the United States and Australia, and welcoming the state visit by Australian Prime Minister John Howard; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 248. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that public schools may display the words "God Bless America" as an expression of support for the Nation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2646. An act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2716. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, improve, and consolidate provisions of law providing benefits and services for homeless veterans.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOLLINGS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1550: A bill to provide for rail safety and security assistance.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOLLINGS for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Phillip Bond, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of commerce for Technology.

*John H. Marburger, III, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning Rear Adm. (lh) James C. Olson and ending Rear Adm. (lh) Kenneth T. Venuto, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 21, 2001.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning Capt. Dale G. Gabel and ending Capt. David B. Peterman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on October 9, 2001.

*Coast Guard nomination of Capt. Duncan C. Smith III.

*Coast Guard nomination of Capt. Stephen W. Rochon.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Bryon Ing and ending Joseph E. Vorbach, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on October 3, 2001.

By Mr. KENNEDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

By Mr. KERRY for the committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

*Thomas M. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1559. A bill to amend the Ports and Waterways Safety Act to provide that certain information be provided before a vessel arrives in United States waters; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1560. A bill to strengthen United States capabilities in environmental detection and the monitoring of biological agents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1561. A bill to strengthen the preparedness of health care providers within the Department of Veterans Affairs and community hospitals to respond to bioterrorism; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1562. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, with respect to cooperative mailings; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. MILLER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1563. A bill to establish a coordinated program of science-based countermeasures to address the threats of agricultural bioterrorism; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. LEAHY):

S.J. Res. 26. Providing for the appointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 28

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 28, a bill to guarantee the right of all active duty military personnel, merchant mariners, and their dependents to vote in Federal, State, and local elections.

S. 122

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to prohibit a State from determining that a ballot submitted by an absent uniformed services voter was improperly or fraudulently cast unless that State finds clear and convincing evidence of fraud, and for other purposes.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase to parity with other surviving spouses the basic annuity that is provided under the uniformed services Survivor Benefit Plan for surviving spouses who are at least 62 years of age, and for other purposes.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.